Bringing people together into a shared space for action
Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework
Aligning actions around common results
Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

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A special taskforce to improve nutrition, chaired by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Planning and Development, with support from the secretariat of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, has been set up by an inter-ministerial order to create a coordination platform.

The focal points appointed by the various sectors and partners do not meet frequently but the Task Force has encouraged new members to join and mobilized actors involved in producing strategic documents, such as the Common Results Framework (CRF), and validating the budget analysis for nutrition.

Multisectoral strategic documents on nutrition (plan and policy, plus the Common Results Framework) have been validated and draft decrees on setting up a multisectoral platform and the breast-milk substitutes marketing code have been finalized.

Significant issues remain and these include completing the budgeting process for the strategic plan and finalising the institutional arrangements for the multisectoral platform to ensure full participation across all sectors. Priorities such as extending maternity leave and creating workplace breastfeeding areas are still not complete.

The Common Results Framework is complete and was included in the multisectoral strategic plan for nutrition in October 2018. A template for monitoring the operational plans of various sectors will be introduced shortly.

A gap analysis has been completed, along with gender analyses to ensure that women and girls are central to all actions.

A multisectoral integrated examination still needs to be completed. However, a Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey was carried out in 2017 and overall, nutrition indicators have improved.

Budget analysis exercises were carried out regularly between 2015 and 2018. The terms of reference for budgeting the 2019-2023 multisectoral strategic plan have been written and once the budget is complete any funding problems will be apparent and used for advocacy purposes at a round table to mobilize additional funds for nutrition.

A 2019 UNDAF operational plan has been produced and used to determine the budget to be allocated to nutrition by leading United Nations actors, such as UNICEF and the World Food Programme.